

spirit of you, all of you who live here, is the overwhelming desire not only to exercise your rights but to see this community be full of responsible citizens, to make the community work again. And I will take that back to Washington when we fight for the crime bill, when we fight to reform the welfare system, when we fight for the empowerment zones to get investment and jobs into these communities, when we fight to give you a chance, because I know that here in this place there are people like you and there are thousands more like you all across America who really believe, who really believe, that we can solve these problems, that we can live together as brothers and sisters, that we can exercise the responsibility required of any great nation. And I will always remember that.

And I want you to believe, every time you put on one of these midnight basketball shirts, every time you participate in a tenant patrol, every time a student joins a drug-free program, every time one of these kids goes into a community service program like City Year, every time you do that, you are saying, "I not only claim my rights as an American, I recognize I have responsibilities as an American. I'm going to do my part to give this country back to the kids and take it away from the drug dealers and the gun-toters." That's what we've got to do together. And I know we can do it.

God bless you, and thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:20 a.m. on the basketball court outside the community center. In his remarks, he referred to community resident Tiffany Hudson, U.S. Attorney James B. Burns, and Bishop Louis Henry Ford, pastor, St. Paul Church of God in Christ, Chicago, IL.

Remarks at the Opening Day Ceremonies for World Cup Soccer in Chicago

June 17, 1994

Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen, my fellow Americans, citizens of the world, the United States is honored to play host to this magnificent celebration. The World Cup has captured the imagination of our country, as has the game itself in the last few years. The love of soccer is now a universal language

that binds us all together. So I welcome all who have come from all countries and all continents and all who will watch these games in the United States for the next 30 days.

We will reward with our cheers the courage and skill of all the players. Let us, in the process, come to appreciate the unity of people throughout the world that this game represents. I say especially to President Sanchez and the people of Bolivia, *buena suerte* today. To Chancellor Kohl and the people of Deutschland, *viel gluck*. Good luck to you all and welcome to the United States.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:40 p.m. at Soldier Field. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Statement on the Long Island Rail Road Strike

June 17, 1994

For commuters who depend on the Long Island Rail Road to commute to work, it is regrettable that the talks between the Rail Road and the United Transportation Union have not been successful in averting a strike. In an effort to bring the parties together I appointed two Presidential Emergency Boards and, late Wednesday night, Secretaries Reich and Peña helped persuade both sides to stay at the bargaining table for another 24 hours.

It is important now that the parties get back to the table, with the continued assistance of the National Mediation Board, and engage in serious round-the-clock negotiations to end the strike. I have instructed the Secretaries of Labor and Transportation to closely monitor the situation and report back to me.

In addition, I have directed the Department of Transportation to assist local authorities in providing appropriate assistance to the traveling public.

I understand that members of the New York congressional delegation are drafting legislation to deal with this situation which I have asked the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Transportation to review. I will continue to confer with Governor Cuomo,